



TOWN OF North Hempstead

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2012 Fiscal Outlook: Glimmers of Hope



We see glimmers of hope in the positive economic indicators that seem to be gaining momentum. We remain cautiously optimistic about our future. – Supervisor Jon Kaiman

Town Maintains Outstanding Credit Rating

Moody's Investor Services, 2011

The rating reflects "strong fiscal management marked by conservative budgeting and maintenance of solid reserve levels. The Aa1 rating also factors the Town's enhanced long-term financial planning and internal controls..."

Standard & Poor's, 2011

"The rating reflects the Town's continued strong fiscal position and financial management."

Supervisor Jon Kaiman on the State of the Town



Printed below is an excerpt from Supervisor Jon Kaiman's 2012 State of the Town Address. To view the entire speech, go to www.northhempsteadny.gov, or call 311 to receive a personal copy.

In 2011, both Moody's and Standard and Poor's upgraded the Town's bond rating to Aa1 or its equivalent, the highest credit rating in our Town's history. This achievement is even more impressive when we consider that other communities in Nassau County, including the County itself, have had their bond ratings downgraded recently.

The Moody's designation was based on the Town of North Hempstead's "conservative fiscal management practices." The Moody's rating report concluded that they expect the Town to "continue to maintain a strong fiscal position through conservative budgeting, strong internal controls and revenue augmentation." Standard & Poor's also reported that the Town of North Hempstead's "management practices are

considered to be strong." I certainly appreciate the recognition that the Town has received for its professional and effective municipal financial management during the course of my administration. The success we have in this area means real savings to the residents of our Town.

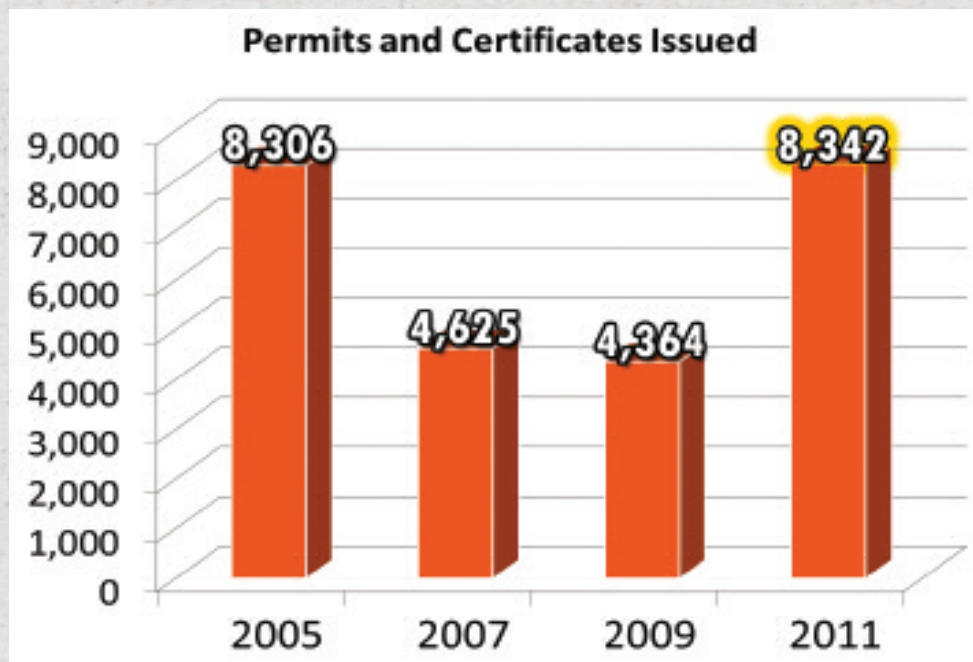
Accordingly, the North Hempstead financial picture is strong. In this sense, the state of the Town is good, albeit challenging in these difficult times.

My administration continues to be aggressive in its pursuit of grants and continues to bring in millions of dollars in grant money, helping to stretch our taxpayers' dollars further.

Like many governments throughout America, we have reduced our work force and worked with our municipal employees union to keep costs down during these difficult times.

North Hempstead Buildings Department – Permits Issued at Record High

The Town of North Hempstead Buildings Department has turned the corner and is now issuing permits and certificates at a record pace. Now, however, each permit reflects a full review process with checks and balances and is issued with confidence in the accuracy and integrity of the process. The Town is working with design professionals, contractors, business leaders and residents to improve the application and review processes, making sure they are fair, accurate and timely.



North Hempstead: Recognized for Performance Measurement, Transparency & Accountability

Validating the Town's commitment to transparency and sound financial practices, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded North Hempstead one of the highest forms of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting: the 2012 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Attainment of the recognition "represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management," the GFOA said.



Recognizing North Hempstead's superior performance management efforts, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Center for Performance Management awarded the Town a Certificate of Distinction. The Certificate recognizes local government for performance management programs which promote cost reduction, and quality improvement.

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Supervisor Kaiman Prepare to Take Project Independence Nation-Wide

Poised to become an icon of the national "aging in place" movement, North Hempstead's Project Independence provides seniors access to scores of critical services. Project Independence, which is getting recognition as a national model, is helping more and more seniors live vibrant, independent lives in their own communities. By simply dialing 311, the Town's seniors and their families can tap into social worker assistance, low-cost transportation, exercise class, basic home repair services, computer training and much more. Said US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, "When seniors stay in their homes and maintain their independence, they live longer, healthier, happier lives and taxpayers save millions."



Senator Gillibrand and Supervisor Kaiman at the recent Project Independence Aging-in Place Conference



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Town Welcomes New Council Members

The Town of North Hempstead is proud to welcome the two newest councilwomen, Anna Kaplan and Dina DeGiorgio. They will be joining the rest of the Town Board to help create a responsive and proactive government that best embodies the needs of the community.

Anna Kaplan

Represents 4th Council District

- **Great Neck**
- **Great Neck Gardens**
- **Kensington**
- **Kings Point**
- **Manhasset**
- **Munsey Park**
- **North Hills**
- **Roslyn**
- **Roslyn Estates**
- **Thomaston**
- Trustee, Great Neck Public Library; Vice-President of the Board and Chairperson of the Policy and By-Laws Committee; Former member of the Board of Zoning Appeals; Received Juris Doctor from Benjamin Cardozo School of Law
- First Persian-American elected to office in New York State



Dina DeGiorgio

Represents 6th Council District

- **Port Washington**
- **Baxter Estates**
- **Flower Hill**
- **Manorhaven**
- **Plandome**
- **Plandome Heights**
- **Plandome Manor**
- **Port Washington North**
- **Sands Point**
- Resident of North Hempstead for 15 years, Practicing Attorney, current member of the Legal Resource Network, Received Juris Doctor from Fordham University Law School
- Serves as pro bono attorney for the Nassau County Coalition against Domestic Violence.



Polar Plunge & WinterFest – March 3

Join us at North Hempstead Beach Park on Saturday, March 3 for the annual Polar Plunge! The annual Polar Plunge, hosted by the Special Olympics New York, is an unforgettable and unique event. Hundreds of brave souls gather to plunge into the frigid waters of North Hempstead Beach Park to raise money for Special Olympics New York. Call 311 for more information. Visit www.polarplungeny.kintera.org/NHempstead



Registration between 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. • Plunge at Noon

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